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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the amendments and remarks below responding to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003. Applicants submit concurrently herewith are: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for three months from September 3, 2003 up to and including December 3, 2003; and (b) Alignments of SEQ ID NOS: 9-18 to Genbank human genomic sequences (Exhibit A).